

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Various methods of managing ideas include different combinations of the following steps: (a) maintaining a computer database for accumulating ideas for 5 prospectively patentable inventions, which ideas include needs and/or requirements of inventions and/or are accumulated prior to filing any patent applications for inventions derived from the accumulated ideas; (b) systematically establishing contractual obligations by contributors of ideas to the database to transfer property rights to inventions derived from the contributed ideas to transferees other than contributors of 10 needs and/or requirements; (c) prior to filing any patent applications for inventions derived from the accumulated ideas, systematically publishing the accumulated ideas, (d) providing contingent contractual rights to given inventions in a marketable format; and (e) systematically enabling persons, whom have not entered into a membership as a prerequisite for viewing ideas in the database, to view given accumulated ideas not 15 respectively contributed by such person only under various conditions.